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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE MEMORANDUM 2010 - 8

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TO: Executive Policy Team
Administrative Management Team
Wardens

FROM: Patricia L. Caruso, Director

SUBJECT: Assaultive Offender Programming

SUPERSEDES DOM 2009 - 17 (effective 07/14/09)

As part of reception processing, prisoners convicted of specifically identified assaultive offenses were recommended for assaultive offender programming. Assaultive offender programming also was recommended for prisoners who have a history of assaultive behavior even though they were not serving for one of the specifically identified assaultive offenses. There was only one program available for these prisoners, which had to be provided by psychological services staff who also were responsible for providing psychological assessments and treatment of prisoner mental health needs. The need therefore existed for additional evidence-based programming which would not only meet the needs of prisoners recommended for such programming but could be provided in an effective and efficient manner.

As a result of our implementation of valid risk and need assessments such as COMPAS, we are now in the position to move forward in providing evidence-based assaultive offender programming based on these assessments. A state-wide implementation schedule for Department-wide rollout of this programming has been issued by the Deputy Director of Correctional Facilities Administration (CFA). Any new assessments and recommendations for assaultive offender programming supersede existing assessments and recommendations even if made during reception processing.

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